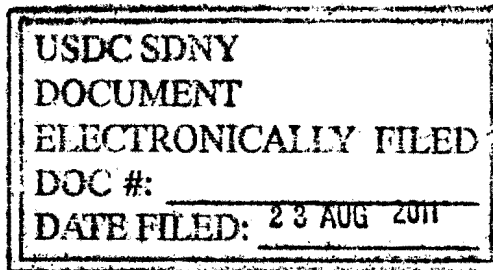


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Hon. Laura Taylor Swain  
United States District Court for the  
Southern District of New York  
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**MEMO ENDORSED**

Re: Audrey Berney v. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company  
Civ. Act. No.: 11-CV-5327  
File No.: 00584-007679

Dear Judge Swain:

This office represents the defendant, Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife"), in the above-referenced matter.

We write to request an extension of time for MetLife to appear and respond to the Complaint in this matter. MetLife's response to the Complaint is due by August 23, 2011. We request a short extension for defendants to respond to the Complaint to on or before September 23, 2011. Plaintiff's counsel consents to the request and this extension does not affect any previously scheduled dates set by the Court. No prior requests for an extension of time have been made on MetLife's behalf.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Justin Frankel, Esq. (via facsimile 516-222-0513)

*The request is granted.*

SO ORDERED.

NEW YORK, NY

*Aug 23, 2011*

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE